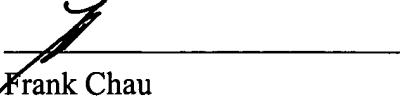


**REMARKS**

Before examination on the merits of the above-identified application, please enter the present Preliminary Amendment. By the present amendment, claim 1 has been amended. Early and favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully Submitted

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